

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503-5100

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Directorate of Public Safety
WATERFOWL SEASON 2003-2004

1. PURPOSE. This circular serves to establish dates, rules, and procedures for the [2003-2004](#) waterfowl-hunting season.

2. GENERAL.

a. The Natural Resources Branch maintains 19 waterfowl blinds on the following 14 lakes and ponds (Blind number in parenthesis):

Rocket	(1)	Elgin	(7,8)	Osceola	(17)
Bald	(2)	1976	(9)	Potawatami Twins	(18,19)
Wapata	(3)	Menard	(10,11)		
Flagg	(4)	Engineer	(12,13)		
Rudd	(5)	Ketch Lake	(14,15)		
O'Connell	(6)	Three Crows	(16)		

b. Blinds are assigned by drawings during the regular duck season. Sportsmen Services Center (Bldg 1458) will conduct a drawing for the use of blinds at 1200, Monday through Friday, for hunting the following day; with the exception that drawings are held Fridays to accommodate weekend hunting.

c. Hunters must phone Sportsmen Services within 1 1/2 hours after official sunset on each day after hunting, to check in and report harvest.

d. Jump shooting is authorized on those ponds, which do not have duck blinds established, or fishermen present. Jump shooters can hunt on a post-wide checkout pass. Hunters assigned blinds may also check out to jump shoot post-wide.

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e. Hunter (unless exempt) must have in his or her possession a Federal waterfowl stamp (obtained at any post office) and a State waterfowl stamp as well as a Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit, a State hunting license and Post hunting permit. Hunters under 16 years of age, senior citizens (age 64 or older or those who turn 64 during the calendar year in which they intend to hunt migratory birds) are exempt from the HIP requirements. Sandhill Crane hunters must [purchase](#) a Federal Sandhill Crane permit from [licenses dealers](#).

f. [The](#) Fish and Wildlife Administrator can impose special regulations on any pond.

3. DATES.

a. Ducks. Duck season is [8 Nov – 7 Dec 03](#) and [13 Dec 03– 25 Jan 04](#). Pintail Season is [18 Dec 03 – 25 Jan 04](#), except when those dates conflict with gun deer hunting. Youth waterfowl hunting weekend is [1–2 Nov 03](#). Youth waterfowl hunter must following both Fort Sill and State waterfowl regulations.

b. Geese. Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross) season is [8 Nov 03 – 7 Dec 03](#); [13 Dec 03 – 15 Feb 04](#) and Conservation Order Light Goose season is [16 Feb 04 – 31 Mar 04](#). Canada Geese season is [8 Nov 03 – 7 Dec 03](#) and [13 Dec 03 – 15 Feb 04](#). White-fronted season is [8 Nov 03 – 7 Dec 03](#) and [13 Dec 03 – 6 Feb 04](#), except when those dates conflict with gun deer hunting.

c. Sandhill Crane. Sandhill Crane season is [25 Oct 03 – 25 Jan 04](#) except when those dates conflict with deer gun hunting.

4. BAG LIMIT.

a. Ducks. The daily bag limit for ducks is six. The daily bag limit may include no more than: five mallards (only two may be hens), three scaup, two wood ducks, two redheads, one pintail, and one canvasback. Pintails and canvasbacks may be taken only during the established pintail/canvasback season (see season dates above).

(1) The daily bag limit for mergansers is five. The daily bag limit may include no more than one hooded merganser.

(2) The daily bag limits on coots is fifteen.

(3) The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit after the first day.

b. Geese.

(1) Light Geese (Snow, Blue & Ross) -- Daily bag limit is twenty.

(2) Dark Geese (Canada and White-fronted) – The daily bag limit for Canada Geese is three. The daily bag limit for White-fronted is two.

(3) The possession limit for Canada & white-fronted geese and sandhill crane is two times the daily bag limit. There is no possession limit for light geese (snow, blue, and Ross).

c. Sandhill Crane. The daily bag limit is three with six in possession after the first day.

d. No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field in one's vehicle.

5. SHOOTING HOURS. One-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset.

6. LEGAL WEAPONS. Bow and arrow, or shotgun no larger than 10-gauge (no rifles or pistols or shotgun slugs). Guns must not be capable of holding more than three rounds in the magazine and chamber combined. Plug guns with a one-piece filler that is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun. Federally approved, nontoxic shot is mandatory for all waterfowl hunting.

7. WANTON WASTE. Hunters in the field should retrieve all migratory game birds, if possible, and retain them in their custody.

8. FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS. Federal and State migratory bird laws or regulations not included within this circular are also applicable on Fort Sill.

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